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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is issued in reply to applicant's Amendment filed 6/1/04.
2. Claims 1-2,4-5,7-13,15,17-20 were amended. No claims were added. None were deleted.
3. Claims 1-20 as amended are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 1-20 as amended, are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Robertson(US Pat. No: 6,609,106) in view of Holland(US Pat. No: 6,618,753). The Non Final Office Action is maintained and referenced.

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Response to Arguments

5. Robertson teaches a system for providing an electronic gift purchasing through comprising tracking gift ideas and related events and notifying the user prior to the event date with a reminder(Abstract)(col 9 line 5-col 11 line 25). Robertson teaches a gift registry site(Fig 1/70) and a reminder database(Fig 1/77) as well as a user database(Fig 1/71) and a notification database(Fig 1/78) as well as assigning a unique identifier for the service provider by the gift registry site(Fig 2/104).Holland teaches updating an online catalog(Fig 11/1108) as well as separate outlet stores (1...N)(Fig 12/1204-1....Fig 12/1204-N) operating from the provider master registry database. Here the gift merchant website(stores) are independent of the on line registry which may be modified to incorporate a reminder database taught by Robertson(Fig 1/77).In Holland, the merchant stores are linked with the registry through the provider master

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database(col 10 line 14-col 11 line 23).Holland teaches sending messages to a registrant on the eve of an event as a reminder mechanism(col 8 lines 24-34).Holland further teaches that a registrant can add registries(col 8 lines 35-55) which can be updated(Fig 6) which may include merchants to meet user needs. Included in these needs are purchasing requirements for events for which users of the Holland system are notified. Holland further describes in the registrant profile(Fig 3) an event date and event type(Fig 3/316/318) and an e-mail notification address(Fig 3/312) and creation of a user profile(Fig 5) for subsequent use in event notification.

Modified claim 20 must further describe use of technology in the generation process.

Conclusion

6. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.

7. Any questions concerning this communication should specifically be addressed to the primary examiner of record, Dr. Geoffrey Akers, P.E., who can be reached between 6:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday at 703-306-5844. If attempts to contact the primary examiner are unsuccessful, the primary examiner's superior, Mrs. Wynn Coggins, SPE, may be telephoned at (703)-308-1344.

The fax number for Formal or Official faxes and Draft or Informal faxes to Technology Center 3600 or this Art Unit is (703)-308-3687. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-308-1113.

October 29,2004



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PRIMARY EXAMINER